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Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?
What can I do to help?
Fan Girl
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I MEANT...
WHAT ABOUT YOUR ASS, JACK?
"JACK-ASS" ...?
DO YOU PLAN TO PAY OFF
THE FAMILY DEBTS BY SELLING YOUR BODY?
I HAVE NO CHOICE LEFT, JACK.
This family is falling to ruin

It's because aristocracy have expensive tastes
Boing
If you want to know why,
But due to some People's Revolution etc, the royal power was weakened and all the hangers on also lost their positions
That's a problem!
Ancestor 2
I'm sorry I can't play with you anymore
The first ancestor, who received the title of Viscount Valentine, became the king's favorite and did well at court
I like you man! Come and have fun with me more often!
With pleasure!
Ancestor 1
My family, the Bartleys, have been renowned aristocracy for over a century
A DEBT OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION LIVRES
Slam
DEBTS HAVE BEEN PILING AND PILING FOR GENERATIONS AND THE RESULT IS
THUD
We have no money? Let's borrow some!
The only thing left was the expensive taste!
When there's a problem, party until you forget it!
←Ancestors 3 & 4→
AND THIS DEBT MUST BE PAID BY THE EIGHTH GENERATION IE
ME! ARGH, GOD!
ROAR

IF I DECLARE PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY WE WILL LOSE THE VISCOUNT RANK. I MUST AVOID THAT
THAT'S WHY I WILL AUCTION MYSELF
I'VE ALREADY SOLD ALL THE FAMILY ASSETS, PRECIOUS STONES AND VALUABLES.
I'VE EVEN DISMISSED ALL OF THE SERVANTS.
THE ONLY ONE LEFT IS YOU, THE BUTLER
"ME." THAT'S THE LAST THING LEFT TO SELL
YES, MY LADY.

I CAN DO NOTHING BUT OBEY.
AH, LADY MISIA, GOOD MORNING!
YOU ARE AS PRETTY AS EVER!
I WANT THE BEST LAMB AND WHINE YOU HAVE.
WHAT LUXURY! ARE YOU HOLDING A PARTY?
YES.
I'M GLAD YOU SEEM TO BE FINE, EVERYONE.
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE AFTER YOUR PARENTS DIED.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A PITY IF YOU HAD LET DE-PRESSION TAKE OVER

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE, THE BARTLEYS, ARE NOT SO MEEK.
WHAT "DEPRESSION"...?
WHAT "TERRIBLE"...?
100 A hundred a day!
MUNCH
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT WHEN REALITY IS SQUEEZING YOU UP AGAINST A WALL!
OPEN
MY LADY, DELIVERY FOR YOU-
BONG
Shower
100 A Hundred a day!
AH, WATCH OUT, JACK!

WHAT IF YOU SQUISH MY ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS?
EACH OF THESE IS WORTH 0.5 LIVRES, YOU KNOW.
dead
YOU CAN GET MORE IF YOU WORK OUT-SIDE...
ARISTOCRACY WORKING FROM HOME IS-
JACK.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE THING THAT IS NOT WORTH A BROKEN PENNY TO OTHERS,
BUT IS WORTH MORE THAN A HUNDRED MIL-LION TO THE PERSON WHO HAS IT?
"PRIDE!"
MY FAMILY HONOR WOULD NOT LET ME BE OTHER PEOPLE'S SERVANT.

NOW, JACK...
WOULD YOU TAKE THESE LETTERS TO THE THREE MOST PROMINENT GENTLEMEN IN THE CITY?
THEY ARE UP-STARTS WITH A LOT OF MONEY SHREWD, OPPORTUNISTIC AND DESPERATE TO CLIMB TO THE TOP
THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT A VISCOUNT'S TITLE BADLY ENOUGH TO PAY EVEN MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED MILLION LIVRES
ONE HUNDRED MILLION LIVRES...
WHAT?
DO YOU THINK THAT PRICE IS TOO HIGH FOR ME?

I HAVEN'T SAID THAT.
I'M SORRY, IT IS NOTHING TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH
Bow
IT'S FINE.
I ALREADY KNOW YOU DO EVERYTHING AT YOUR OWN PACE.
IS THAT SO? THEN I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT, TOO.
I'LL BE GOING NOW.
JACK.

WHY
HAVEN'T YOU ABANDONED THIS HOUSE?
NO PARTICULAR REASON
IT'S A PAIN LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB
AND WHO WOULD HIRE A BOTHERSOME BUTLER LIKE ME?
Jack came to this manor as an adopted child of the previous butler
When that butler passed away, he took over his work
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
A PUZZLE
IS IT A CLOCK?
I SAID IT'S A PUZZLE
...

SUCH NOSTALGIC MEMORIES.
Hey look! Jack turned the clock into a fusco!
BACK THEN, THIS MANOR WAS MUCH MORE...
lively!
Too clumsy.
Pay us for the materials you wasted.
OPEN
doom
HM? "RETURN TO SENDER" FROM THE PEOPLE WITH THE ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS...?
SO, WHAT COULD BE THIS DELIVERY?
fiddle fiddle

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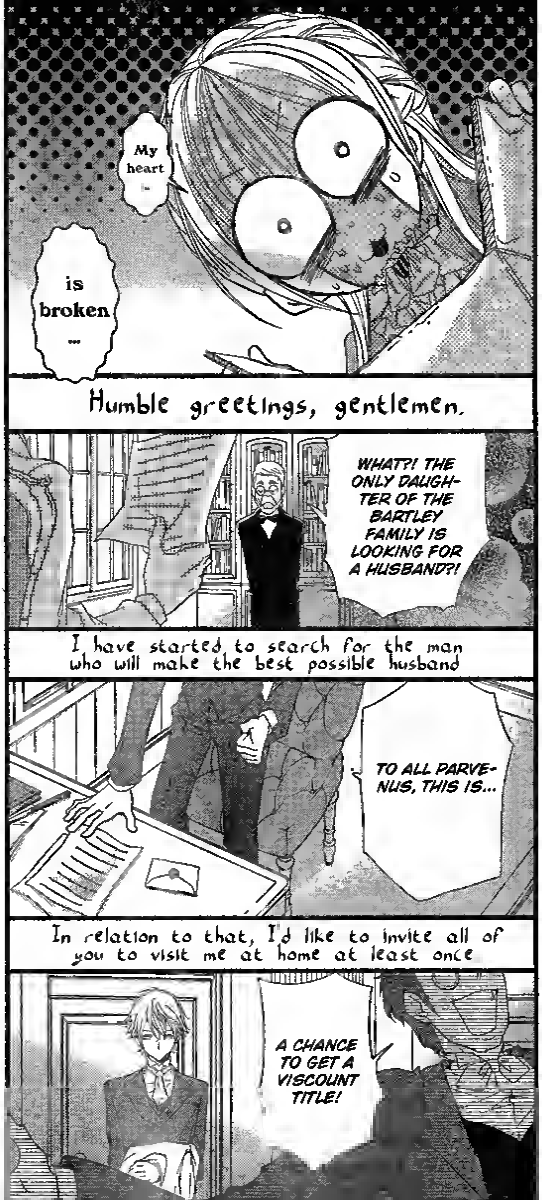
My heart ...
is broken ...
Humble greetings, gentlemen.
WHAT?! THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE BARTLEY FAMILY IS LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND?!
I have started to search for the man who will make the best possible husband
TO ALL PARVENUS, THIS IS...
In relation to that, I'd like to invite all of you to visit me at home at least once
A CHANCE TO GET A VISCOUNT TITLE!

WELCOME, EVERYONE
I would like to give you more details
NICE TO MEET YOU, MISIA...
about the way I will choose a husband.

IT IS EMBARRASSING, BUT I'M SURE ALL OF YOU KNOW MY FAMILY'S SITUATION.
THAT'S WHY I NEED MY HUSBAND TO BE A RESOURCEFUL MAN
WITH THE POWER TO SAVE IT FROM THIS PREDICAMENT.
WE UNDERSTAND, MISIA,
SO LET US MEASURE OUR LOVE FOR YOU
BY COMPETING WHO WILL OFFER YOU THE GREATEST SUN OF MONEY FOR THE WEDDING PROCEEDINGS!
I'D LIKE ALL OF YOU TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR GENEROSITY IN ONE WEEK, IN THIS MANOR.
AND I PROMISE MY UNDYING LOVE TO THE ONE WHO WINS.
IS THIS ALL RIGHT?
CLACK CLACK
AT YOUR AGE, MY LADY

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO DREAM OF LOVE AND ROMANCE?
I'M IN NO MOOD TO DISCUSS LOVE WITH YOU
IT'S NO USE WASTING ANY ENERGY ON SOMETHING WHICH ISN'T WORTH ANY MONEY
WHAT WILL YOU DO IF THE MAN IS TWISTED?
CLICK
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN EVER KNOW
WHAT PEOPLE FEEL AT THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEARTS

AH.
MUHAHA MUHAHA
THIS CAN BE USE-FUL.
HEY, JACK ...?
YOU STARTED THIS CONVERSATION, DON'T JUST LEAVE.
AND PRE-TENDING TO BE SO FREE-THINKING THAT—

push
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SAYING SOME PRETTY GOOD STUFF, AND THEN YOU JUST DISHED ME, YOU KNOW.
SO I MUST WORK HARD TO MAKE UP FOR MY MASTER'S IN-COMPETENCE.
THE BUTLER'S TASK IS TO CONSIDER HIS MASTER'S WISHES AND STEER THE HOUSEHOLD ACCORDINGLY
WATER FOUNTAIN? JACK, DID YOU DO THAT?
WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, MY LADY
I CAN DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING
IS THAT
AN APPEAL TO RAISE YOUR SALARY?

You just can't stay indifferent
Vroom
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
It's not I know
MAYBE ..
Right, Jack..?
BANG
to me...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD FOR AN ARISTOCRAT'S GARDEN, RIGHT?
VROOM
AMAZING! DID YOU MAKE ALL OF THEM?
THESE MACHINES ARE TAKING CARE OF THE GARDEN ON THEIR OWN?

IT'S READY
IT'S WEIRD AND AWKWARD, BUT IT HAS ITS USES.
AN ARTIFICIAL FLOWER MACHINE.
POP
JACK..
MY PARTNER WILL BE DECIDED TOMORROW
That's something that just has to be said, sooner or later
WHERE DID SHE GO?
LADY MISIA, THE TEA WILL GROW COLD!
But what a splendid fountain!

Even though I've dragged it on for so long.
YOU ARE DISMISSED
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, JACK
FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE, I'LL STICK TO THE END
THERE'S NO NEED!
I'M ALL RIGHT ALONE

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IS IT...
THAT IMPORTANT?

turn
THANK YOU
FOR EMPLOYING ME UNTIL NOW
THUMP
THUMP
IS PRIDE MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU ARE?
THUMP

What was that about...?
AHHH!
It's not like that.
AND NOW, GENTLEMEN,

HAVE YOU DECIDED ON THE PRICE OF MY LOVE?
I am the eighth viscountess Valentine, Misia Bartley
PLEASE,
GATHER THE ENVELOPES, JACK—

RUSTLE
THE GREATEST BID
WAS TWO HUNDRED MILLION LIVRES.
before I am simply Misia.
I must be Viscountess Valentine...
With this...
BY MR. FRONT.

I can save the family and the house...
WONDERFUL! I'VE DONE IT!
MR. FRONT...
WHOLE TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS
WHAT? THAT'S PRACTICALLY CHEAP,
IF YOU THINK OF IT AS BUSINESS!
EH?

WHEN I SELL THE WHOLE BARTLEY FAMILY PROPERTIES, IT WILL AMOUNT TO MUCH MORE THAN THAT!
What... did he just say?
LAND, MANORS,
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY- A VISCOUNT TITLE.
SELLING THEM WILL BRING TEN TIMES MUCH MORE PROFIT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS GOES AGAINST THE PRIDE OF ANY ARISTOCRAT

PFFT
YOU'VE SOLD YOURSELF AND STILL TALK ABOUT PRIDE?
AH! NO, THAT WAS RUDE OF ME!
WELL, IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU...
BUT PRIDE?
THAT'S NOT WORTH A LIVRE, YOU KNOW?
DON'T WORRY! I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU
YOU WILL BE MY WIFE...!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!
CLENCH

I SHALL NOT
LET YOU HAVE THEM.
Yes.
I don't really know
What pride is.
That's right.
IS IT... THAT IMPORTANT?
However...
THE VALENTINE VISCOUNT TITLE OR THE BARTLEY FAMILY NAME
However...

I had my ancestors who piled up and left me all those debts.
I had my friends.
To me, all that means
that I am not alone.
They are proof that I am bound to someone.
I WILL NOT LET YOU SULLY THEM!

GET OUT OF MY SIGHT, YOU GREEDY COMMONER!
I don't know what pride is.
But Jack I
regret this so much
THREE HUNDRED MILLION LIVRES.
NOW
THIS MARRIAGE IS SEALED.

I AM A CERTAIN MAN
WHO COMES FROM A CERTAIN PLACE.
WHO COULD GET THAT KIND OF MONEY AND WHERE?
T-THREE HUNDRED MILLION?
MY YOUNG LADY IS A RARE SPECIES
SHE WORKS FROM HOME DESPITE BEING AN ARISTOCRAT.
BUT SHE CAN'T DO A PROPER JOB OF IT.
HOWEVER, SHE MEETS EVERYTHING FATE HAS TO THROW AT HER.
AND EVEN SO
SHE NEVER ABANDONS HER PRIDE.

EVEN THREE HUNDRED MILLIONS
IS TOO CHEAP FOR HER.
JACK...
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
YOU CAN'T EVEN BREW TEA ON YOUR OWN, CAN YOU?

THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD
TO WHOM IT IS A PRIDE TO PUT YOUR TRUST, YOU KNOW
JACK..
I HAVE NO PRIDE
I...
IS THAT REALLY SO..?

BUT I THINK YOU ARE PROUD TO A FAULT
RUSTLE
Humble greetings, Misia Bartley, viscountess Valentine.
Forgive me for not disclosing my name. I give these three hundred million livres for your proud heart.
I know you will not accept them if I called this "my contribution," so I hope you will repay me month by month, as much as you can

I WONDER IF I SHOULD BECOME HIS WIFE?
THIS MAN MUST BE AN AMAZING GENTLEMAN, DON'T YOU THINK, JACK?
EH? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WELL, I'VE FINISHED FIXING THE FOUNTAIN, SO I'LL BE GOING BACK.
MAYBE...
AH!
DO YOU... DID YOU FIND A JOB?
HEY... W-WAIT A MINUTE.
TO MY HOUSE. I WAS DISMISSED, REMEMBER?

MORE OR LESS.
I TRIED SELLING THE PATENT RIGHTS FOR THE MACHINES I INVENTED HERE
THEY TURNED OUT TO BRING A GOOD PROFIT.
I SEE
BUT...
IS IT ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU FED FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?
I... I KNOW THE SALARY HERE WASN'T THAT GREAT, BUT...
YES? DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY?
I WON'T UNDERSTAND YOU IF YOU DON'T STATE IT CLEARLY.

COULD YOU STAY HERE...
FOR ME...?
"TO A FAULT," REALLY...
WELL, I'M ACTUALLY GRATEFUL FOR THAT
I ALREADY USED UP ALL OF MY MONEY
WHAT?!
WAIT A- WHAT DID YOU SPEND THEM ON?!
THOUGHTLESSLY WASTING IS INEXCUSABLE! I HAVE PLENTY OF DEBTS LEFT MYSELF, YOU KNOW!
YES, YES..
DON'T YOU "YES, YES" ME!
END